

CNC March 25, 2013 Meeting Minutes

District Council representatives in attendance: Phil Shack, (North District and CNC Chair); Chris Leman, (Lake Union District and CNC Budget Committee Co-Chair); Laine Ross, (Downtown District and CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Chair); Irene Wall, (Northwest District Council and Neighborhood Planning Committee Chair); Tony Provine, (Northeast District); Jody Grage, (Ballard District Council and CNC Secretary); Joe Wert, (Ballard District Council); Jim Erickson, (East District); Dick Burkhart, (CNC Transportation Committee Co-chair); Ed Marquez, (CNC Vice-chair and Greater Duwamish District Council); Bill Bradburd (CNC Budget Committee Co-chair); Chas Redmond, (Southwest District); Glenn Avery, (Magnolia/QA District Council); Alexis Gallegos, (Greater Duwamish District Council); Bridgette Maryman, (Southeast District Council)

Guests: Tod Rodman, Sebastian Garrett-Singh

Agenda and Meeting Minutes Approval

Agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

CNC Committee Reports

Jody Grage/Secretary

New sign-in sheet and voting tally sheet were introduced to better track attendance and voting results.

Jody proposed new method of presenting minutes. Wendy will produce, then forward to Jody to shorten. Minutes will then be shared with the CNC membership. Hope is this will encourage more CNC members to read and share with their district councils. Jody currently provides the Ballard District Council with an abbreviated version of the CNC minutes on a monthly basis. The recorded version of the meeting will be available if anyone wants to listen to the entire meeting or to check for accuracy of the written minutes.

Jody has compiled all of the district council's bylaws. She asked members to check in with their district councils to ensure what she has is the most current version of the bylaws. She is also compiling lists of member organizations of the district councils. Jody, Phil and Rick Klingele (NW District Council) have also been working with DON on updating/improving the CNC web pages. Kudos to Rick for all of his work on this.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee/Laine Ross

Committee met March 12. Most district councils are opposed to the proposed changes to the Large Project open houses. Committee members felt applicants were not being given enough time to present their projects to CRT and/or DCRTs.

Laine discussed letter opposing the 2013 proposed changes to the review process. Communication lapses with DON were mentioned by various CNC members. Current district council review practices were discussed. Some review with full district councils, others assign committees to review.

CNC voted to approve the letter unanimously. (Delridge District was not represented at the meeting)

Neighborhood Planning Committee/Irene Wall

Many CNC members testified at the PLUS Committee regarding Comp Plan Amendments. Irene was surprised that no members from the most recent plan update areas were in attendance as their policies were also under discussion at that meeting. CNC member expressed concern that neighborhood plans are too easily undone. Central District rep discussed the "Action Plan" currently underway in the Central Area. Action Team is being selected by DPD/DON. Concern that community is not directly involved. CNC member stated he had written and submitted Comp Plan Amendments related to this issue of non-representation in relation to transit issues.

First Hill Improvement Association is hosting a transportation meeting on April 9 in regard to the many changes coming to the area.

City-wide Design Guidelines Update – 17 neighborhoods have design guidelines. Irene asked if any of the districts are reviewing the changes and planning to give feedback before the deadline of April 15. Changes are structural to better align neighborhood guidelines to city-wide guidelines. Text of guidelines is not being changed. Irene and the original group of writers of the Greenwood-Phinney design guidelines reviewed the new version and the text and photos had come through unchanged. Irene would like to hear back from members before the next committee meeting regarding how the guidelines have been used and how they should be changed. Should the guidelines apply outside of the urban village boundaries?

Budget Committee/Chris Leman/Bill Bradburd

Deputy Budget Director, Paul Walker, will join the committee at its next meeting. Districts should begin thinking about budget priorities for the next budget. CNC traditionally sends a letter regarding budget mid-summer. Committee would love some accounting/financial assistance. Jody shared information on participatory budgeting.

Youth, Schools and Education Committee

Has not been active. One area CNC addressed last year was Community Nights in Schools. Insurance for groups was an issue. DON is supposed to assist groups with acquiring insurance. No CNC members had experience with acquiring insurance with DON assistance. CNC member stated school district online reservation system was very difficult to navigate.

Transportation Committee/Dick Burkhart

Invited Ben Schindleman from Seattle Transit blog to attend next meeting. Could move meeting to the evening to allow more members to attend.

Communications

- Possible creation of sub-committee to address outreach/communication issues.
- Could create a FaceBook page. Would need volunteers to serve as administrators.
- Discussion of roles/relevance of CNC. Lack of feedback from audit done a couple of years ago.
- Chris Leman asked if history he has written of CNC could be posted on the web site when it is complete.
- CNC member stated he would like CNC to be more proactive.
- Could allow time on the agenda to brainstorm issues put forward from districts prior to the monthly meeting.
- CNC members could nurture relationships with City Council members.
- Could brainstorm around issues during social half hour before formal meeting.
- CNC should have a booth at street fairs around the city.
- Televis meetings
- Hold candidates forum for council/mayors races and televise
- Need better relationship with DON
- Should invite James Bush to attend CNC meeting to get to know him

Announcement: Brown bag meeting at Seattle City Council regarding Apodments in April. Could be future topic for CNC or Neighborhood Planning Committee.